

Illinois Youth Budget Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 20th, 2023: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Welcome by Co-Chair Shaver

Co-Chair Shaver welcomed the Commission to the June meeting and welcomed any young people who were attending the meeting as well.

Roll Call

Mike Shaver called the roll and a quorum was established. The Commissioners include:

- Commissioners Present: Shaver, Montorio-Archer, Zumdahl, Villa, Krauss, Huelsmann, Clemons-Mosby, Sparks
- Commissioners Absent: Crabb

Approval of the Prior Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Shaver requested a motion to approve the previous bi-monthly meeting minutes. Commissioner Zumdahl motioned for approval and Commissioner Huelsmann seconded the motion. No commissioners voted against the motion and the meeting minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Fiscal Year 2024 Recap

Curt Clemons Mosby provided a summary of the FY24 budget. Highlights include:

- Pension Payments - \$200 million was added to pension payments in FY24, totaling \$700 million in payments for the fiscal year.
- Local Government Distribution Fund - An additional \$85 million will be distributed to communities in Illinois through this fund.
- Smart Start Illinois - \$250 million was appropriated to fund the first year of the Smart Start Illinois, which is Governor Pritzker's early childhood initiative addressing preschool needs, workforce concerns, and expands early intervention and home visiting programs.
- Early Childhood Block Grant – An additional \$75 million was appropriated to the Illinois State Board of Education to increase preschool availability. These additional funds bring the Early Childhood Block Grant to \$673 million and is \$179 million more than the prior administration.
- Early Childhood Workforce Compensation Contracts - \$130 million is provided plus additional federal funds to help stabilize the childcare system.
- Early Intervention Program - \$40 million in funding is provided.
- Home Visiting Program - \$5 million is provided for the Department of Human Services Home Visiting Program.
- Childcare Assistance Programs - \$70 million is invested to cover expected increases for participation in Childhood Assistance Programs.
- Childcare Payment Management Processing System - \$20 million for upgrades to this system.
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library - \$1.6 million to help launch this program statewide. This initiative allows families to receive free books by mail for children from birth to age five regardless of family income.

- K-12 Education - \$350 million increase in funding for the evidence-based funding grant formula. This increase in funds brings the total evidence-based funding to \$8.279 billion and is \$1.4 billion more than when the Governor first took office.
- Teacher Vacancy Pilot Program - \$45 million is allocated for the first year of a three-year pilot program to help fill teacher vacancies.
- Higher Education – An additional \$100 million was appropriated, for a total of \$701 million, for a monetary assistance program, which is the grants-in-aid for persons entering into higher education.
- Equity Representation in Healthcare - \$3 million was appropriated to the Department of Public Health for the healthcare workforce.
- Health and Human Services - \$75 million was appropriated to the Department of Children and Family Services to hire an additional 192 staff as well as expand training, scholarships, and protection for youth in care and improve facilities.
- Illinois' Healthcare System – More than \$500 million in new statewide federal funds to support the state's healthcare system.
- Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative - \$28 million in funds are designated to begin implementing this new initiative.
- Disease Monitoring Information Technology System - \$53.5 million is provided to overhaul the Department of Public Health's IT system for disease monitoring.
- Temporary Aid for Needy Families - \$35 million in funding is provided.
- Youth Employment in Summer Job Program - \$41 million in funding is provided for this program.
- Homeless Prevention - \$85 million in additional funds is provided, for a total of \$350 million, to address challenges in this area.
- Restore, Reinvest, and Renew – An additional \$200 million is invested in this grant program. This is an initiative of the Lieutenant Governor.
- Public Defender's Office – An additional \$40 million is directed to this office.
- Safe Health Illinois – This 24-hour per day program received \$2.1 million where students can share information on safety issues in a confidential environment.
- Professional Licensing Modernization - \$16.5 million is provide for a multi-year initiative to modernize the professional licensing process at the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations.
- Rebuild Illinois – An additional \$70 million has been appropriated to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for transportation and electrification process for the state's vehicle fleet.

Fiscal Scan

During the April 2023 Illinois Youth Budget Commission meeting, Kelly Sparks provided a review of the fiscal scan of the Illinois Public Investments in Children and Youth, Ages 8-25. At this meeting, Kelly provided responses and updates to some of the questions received from the prior meeting. Those updates include:

- FY22 Spending – \$7.3 billion was spent on children ages 2 through 25. Funds do not include COVID relief funds or American Rescue Plan funds. This marks an increase from FY21 at \$6.3 billion, which was about \$1 billion less in spending.

Kelly walked through each of the Youth Budget Commission’s developmental goals to show the amounts of increased spending. This analysis is intended to be included in the YBC’s upcoming annual report. The notable areas of focus include:

- Healthy – This area received the largest spending increase in FY22 compared to other goals at \$1.4 billion. Of the total \$7.3 billion invested, Healthy received about 22 percent of this funding at \$1.6 billion. The \$1.6 billion amount is comprised of \$241 million dedicated to the YBC’s primary goal and \$1.4 billion dedicated to their secondary goal.
- Employable – This area received \$292 million in FY22 funding. Of this amount, \$165 million is dedicated to the YBC’s primary goal and \$127 million is dedicated to their secondary goal.
- Stable – This area received \$4.1 billion in funding. Of this amount, nearly \$4.1 billion is directed to the YBC’s primary goal and \$35 million is directed to their secondary goal.
- Educated – This area received the second largest amount of FY22 funding at \$2.7 billion. Of this amount, \$2.7 billion is dedicated to the YBC’s primary goal and \$33 million is dedicated to their secondary goal.
- Safe – This area received the smallest amount of FY22 funding at \$86 million. Of this amount, \$81 million was directed to the YBC’s primary goal and \$5 million was directed to their secondary goal.
- Connected – This developmental area received \$16 million in funding from the FY22 budget. Of this amount, \$13 million is dedicated to the YBC’s primary goal of \$13 million and \$3 million is dedicated to their secondary goal.

New Business

Mike Shaver requested public comments from any of the participants who are not Commissioners.

Adjournment

Mike Shaver requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Huelsmann motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Zumdahl seconded the motion.

Next Meeting

The next YBC meeting will be Tuesday, August 22, 2023, from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.